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The Turkish Ambassador presents his compliments to the Honorable Secretary of State and has the honor to inform Him that the Diplomatic Missions in Ankara, in accordance with the Circular Note of November 1938, No. 23235/86, have communicated on different dates to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the lists of the auxiliary vessels belonging to their respective navies.

The proper Department to which these lists have regularly been transmitted by the Ministry, has lately noticed that a certain number of vessels marked on them have crossed the Straits several times under merchant flag and paid all the taxes and duties as such. The above mentioned Department presumes, therefore, that these vessels which have likely been chartered by the navies for a definite period of time, might have returned, upon the expiration of their contracts, to the service of the original owners. Consequently it is thought that it would be useful for the

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Turkish Authroties to be advised in due time of the expiration of these contracts in order that the treatment to be received by the said vessels may regularly be decided.

The Turkish Ambassador would be much obliged to the Honorable Secretary of State if He would kindly intervene with the proper American Department to the effect that the Turkish Ministry of Foreing Affairs receive in due time notice of all the modifications which have been or will eventually be made in the lists of the auxiliary vessels.

The Turkish Ambassador takes this opportunity to present to the Honorable Secretary of State the assurance of his highest consideration.

March 25th, 1939.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Turkey and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of his note of March 25, 1939, regarding lists of auxiliary naval vessels for use in connection with the administration of the Straits.

The Ambassador's note has been brought to the attention of the competent authorities of this Government.

Department of State,

Washington, March 29 1939

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy and transmits herewith a copy of a note dated March 25, 1939, from the Turkish Embassy in Washington, expressing the desire of the Turkish Government to be informed of any changes in the lists of the auxiliary vessels of the United States Navy, for use in connection with the administration of the Straits.

Enclosure:

From Turkish Embassy
Note dated March 25, 1939.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Turkey and, with reference to his note of March 25, 1939 concerning lists of auxiliary naval vessels, has the honor to state that it does not appear that this Government has ever received a copy of the Circular Note of November 1938, No. 23235/86. In order that the appropriate authorities of this Government may take the necessary action in compliance with the request made in the first-mentioned note, it would be appreciated if the Ambassador would be good enough to furnish a copy of the Circular Note of November 1938 referred to above.

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